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SUBJECT: EC-IRAN PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT

REF: EC BRUSSELS 8804 (NOTAL)

1. DURING OCTOBER 1 DISCUSSION WITH MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS KMFA)  
REP PENNAROLA (DIRECTOR, EC EXTERNAL AFFAIRS), EMBOFF  
ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF IRANIAN REQUEST FOR PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT  
WITH EC. PENNAROLA REPLIED THAT IRAN APPARENTLY STILL INTERESTED  
IN SUCH AN AGREEMENT, DESPITE COMMISSION'S EFFORTS DISCOURAGE  
ANY PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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2. PENNAROLA SAID GOI OPPOSES ANY PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH IRAN, AS DO MOST MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT GOI (AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER GOVERNMENTS) WOULD HOPE TO AVOID SITUATION WHERE PUBLIC STATEMENT OF ITALIAN POSITION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER NOT TO OFFEND IRAN, AN IMPORTANT OIL SUPPLIER AND SIGNIFICANT PURCHASER OF ITALIAN GOODS AND SERVICES. GOI HOPES COMMISSION WILL MAINTAIN ITS PRESENT POSITION, BUT FEARS THAT LACK OF STRONG SUPPORT FROM MEMBER GOVERNMENTS MIGHT CAUSE COMMISSION TO MODERATE ITS OPPOSITION TO A PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT. PENNAROLA SAID HE IS NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO DAY WHEN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS HAVE TO "STAND UP AND BE COUNTED" ON THIS ISSUE.

3. EMBOFF REVIEWED USG POSITION ON EC-IRAN PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT. PENNAROLA INDICATED GOI FULLY UNDERSTANDS USG POSITION.

4. REFTTEL RECEIVED AFTER OCTOBER 1 DISCUSSION WITH PENNAROLA.

5. COMMENT: GOI WOULD FACE REAL QUANDRY IF IRAN EXERTED SERIOUS PRESSURE FOR A PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT. ITALY UNFORTUNATELY IN POSITION WHERE ECONOMIC SQUEEZE PLAY BY IRAN COULD HURT. IRANIAN ROLE AS PETROLEUM SUPPLIER PROBABLY NOT AS SIGNIFICANT, IN GOI'S VIEW, AS ITS PRESENT AND POTENTIAL FUTURE ROLE AS PURCHASER OF ITALIAN GOODS AND SERVICES. VOLPE

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